

Submission No.93.....

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Mr Bob Morris
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Dear Sir,

Please emphasise to the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties, my strong opposition to the proposal that an International Criminal Court be empowered to over-ride any of this nation's institutions. Some of sections 71 to 80 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act, for example, might be over-ridden (or altered in meaning) if an International Criminal Court were accepted by parliamentarians as a suitable institution for the people of this nation.

Responsibility for tying Australians to international suggestions as this ICC matter is, can be wisely and safely decided by Australians voting at a national referendum. Once this approach is applied to this and similar international interferences, members of the Committee may have more time for representing the home grown matters that continue to trouble their electors. Those electors continue to show a contrary attitude to anything that may alter the Constitution.

The Committee is urged to reject the Statute of an International Criminal Court and , if necessary, allow the people to illustrate their support at a subsequent referendum.

Yours faithfully,

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